

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9-28, 31-45 and 47-53 are pending in the present application. Claims 7, 9, 19, 34 and 36 have been amended, claims 29, 30 and 46 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 48-53 have been added by the present Amendment.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 1-2, 7 and 9-18 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 19-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Havinis et al. in view of Alewine et al.

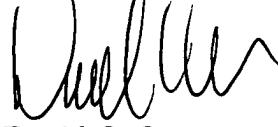
By this Amendment, independent claims 19 and 34 have been amended to include subject matter similar to that recited in claims 17 and 18, which are indicated as being allowed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 19 and 34 and each of the claims depending therefrom are also allowable.

New independent claims 48, 49, 52 and 53 are also believed to define patentable subject matter for at least similar reasons. For example, each of independent claims 48, 49 and 52 each generally correspond to independent claim 11 and therefore define patentable subject matter for at least similar reasons. Additionally, independent claim 53 generally corresponds to independent claim 17 and therefore defines patentable subject matter for similar reasons. Havinis and Alewine, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest all the features of independent claims 28, 29, 52 and 53.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, David C. Oren, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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